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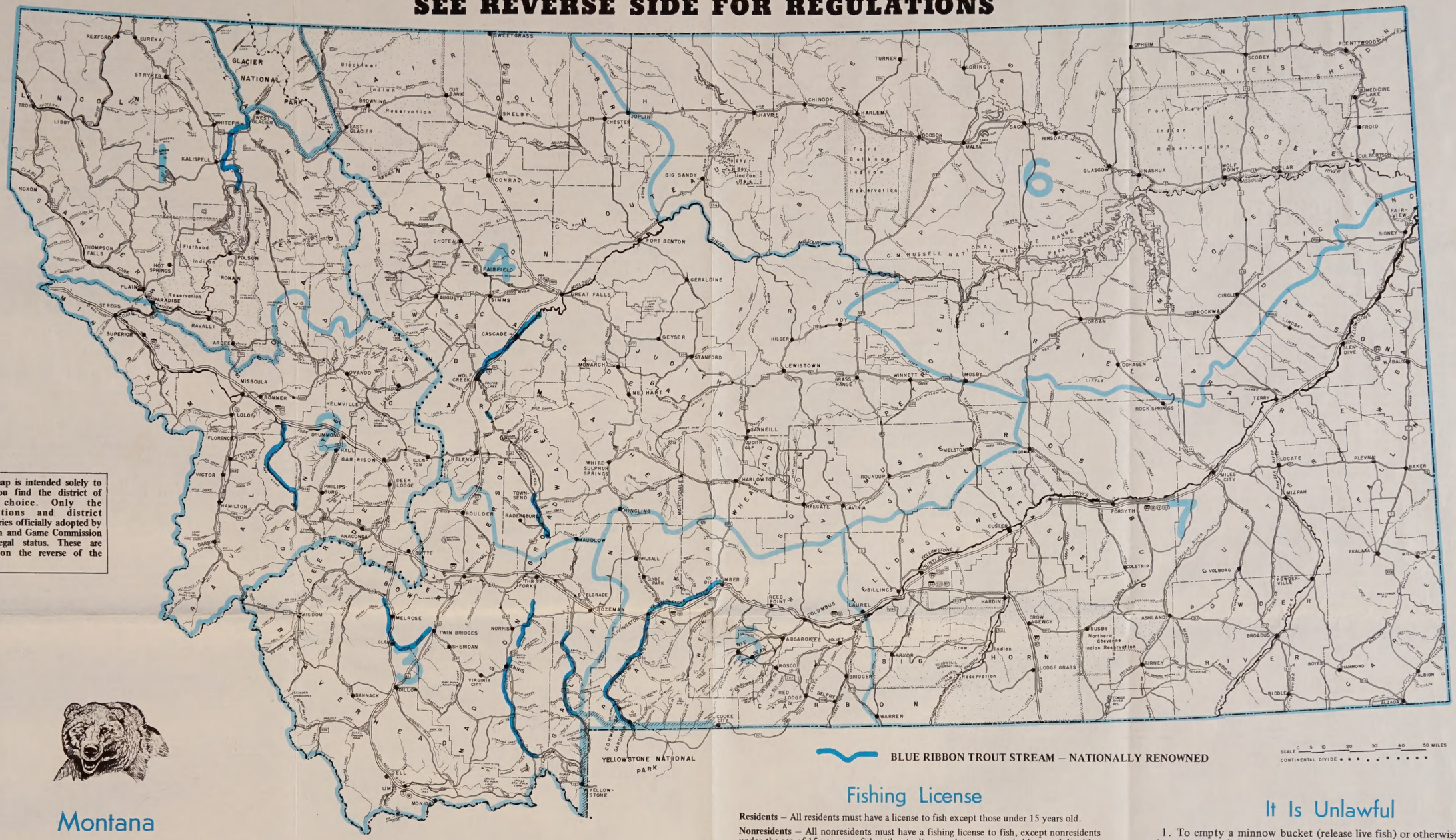

BLUE RIBBON TROUT STREAM – NATIONALLY RENOWNED

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CONTINENTAL DIVIDE

"The map is intended solely to help you find the district of your choice. Only the regulations and district boundaries officially adopted by the Fish and Game Commission have legal status. These are found on the reverse of the map."

Montana
Fish and Game Commission
Helena, Montana – 59601

1969
Montana Fishing Regulations

Regulations printed on the other side of this map have been set for a three-year period, but will be reprinted each year to incorporate minor changes. New printings will be available each May. **Be sure you have the most recent edition!** This edition was printed:

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Cottus (Sculpin)

MAY BE USED AS BAIT STATEWIDE

Fishing cannot be greatly improved until the Fish and Game Commission has more information. One of the greatest needs is catch data. Sportsmen interested in helping should write to the Helena Office of the Department for a Fisherman's Log in which they may enter their catch records.

Fishing License

Residents – All residents must have a license to fish except those under 15 years old.

Nonresidents – All nonresidents must have a fishing license to fish, except nonresidents under the age of 15 year may fish without a license when accompanied by an adult with a valid Montana fishing license. The total number or pounds of all fish taken by the licensed adult and all persons under 15 years accompanied by such licensed adult shall not exceed one legal limit. However, a nonresident under 15 years may purchase a nonresident license and be entitled to take a legal limit of fish.

Wildlife Conservation License (Required before purchase of any other fish or game license)

Residents 15 and older	$ .25
Nonresidents 15 years or older	1.00
Resident Fishing License (stamp)	4.00
Resident Sportsman's License (includes Wildlife Conservation License)	20.25
Nonresident Season Fishing License (stamp)	15.00
Nonresident Temporary Fishing License (6-day, stamp)	5.00
Nonresident Temporary Fishing License (1-day, stamp)	1.00
Nonresident Fish, Bird, and Big Game License (includes Wildlife Conservation License)	$151.00
Residents 65 or older need only a Pioneer License to fish. (Available only from State Fish and Game Offices and Wardens)	.15
Combination Pioneer and Wildlife Conservation License (available from license dealers)	.40

Special licenses and permits are available for patients at Veterans' Administration Hospitals and residents of certain State institutions.

License fees are not refundable

Motorboat Closures

It is illegal to operate motor-propelled boats or other motor-propelled craft on the following bodies of water:

Harper Lake in Missoula County.
Park Lake in Jefferson County.
Broadview Pond in Yellowstone County.
Bearpaw Lake in Hill County.
Cole Ponds in Phillips County.
Whitetail Reservoir in Daniels County.
Gartside Reservoir in Richland County.
Branum Lake (Miles City Fish Pond) in Custer County.
Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir in Lewis and Clark County.

It Is Unlawful

1. To empty a minnow bucket (release live fish) or otherwise transplant or introduce any fish or fish eggs into any waters.

2. To take fish in any manner except by angling with a single pole and/or line in hand or under immediate control unless specifically authorized by fishing regulations.

3. To refuse to show license on demand.

4. To loan or transfer your fishing or hunting license or tags to any person.

5. To sell game fish except as prescribed by Montana Fish and Game Commission regulations.

6. To leave or dump any dead animal, fish, garbage or litter in or on any state-owned recreation property or private property where public recreation is permitted, including lakes, streams, campgrounds and access areas.

7. To use or possess minnow seines or traps, snares, or fish traps unless specified under area regulations.

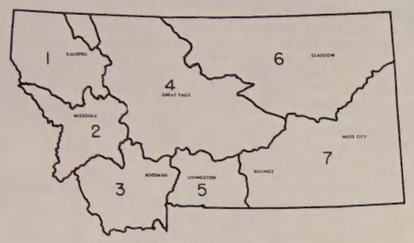
8. To use any carbide, lime, giant powder, dynamite, or other explosive compounds, or any corrosive or narcotic poison or to have any of the same in one's possession within one hundred (100) feet of any stream where fish are found, for the purpose of stunning or killing fish.

9. To operate a boat upon Montana waters which:

Is not properly licensed and numbered with registration card carried in boat.

Does not have one serviceable life preserver for each passenger. Preservers must be approved by U. S. Coast Guard. Persons under 13 years old must wear life preservers when boat is in motion and is less than 26 feet long.

Is not carrying equipment required by the Montana Water Safety Law (copies available from Montana Fish and Game Department).



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FISHING REGULATIONS

May 18, 1969 through May 20, 1972

LEGAL NOTICE

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the following dates and regulations for the 1969 – 1972 fishing seasons are adopted.

Montana Fish and Game Commission
Frank H. Dunkle, Secretary
March 20, 1969

To be in full force and effect through May 20, 1972. Although these regulations are effective for a three year period, they will be reprinted annually to incorporate minor changes. New printings will be available each May. **Be sure you have the most recent edition.** This edition was printed April, 1969. All regulations, except state laws, are subject to change by the Commission. For up-to-date information, inquire of the local State Fish and Game Warden.

General statewide provisions for limits, seasons, fishing hours, means of taking fish, etc., are specified below. Specific regulations are given herein under seven fishing districts. A fishing district is a defined portion of Montana established for administration of fishing regulations. The fishing district in which you intend to fish may be determined from the description herein. The statewide regulations which follow apply except where otherwise specified under fishing district regulation.

FISHING LICENSE

A fishing license is a permit for the lawful holder thereof to fish for and possess any fish within the state as authorized by fishing regulations.

SEASONS

All dates given are inclusive dates. Where dates specify an open season, fishing is closed throughout the remainder of the year. An open season is for all species unless otherwise specified.

HOURS OF FISHING

Hours in these regulations are to comply with mountain standard time or daylight saving time whichever is in effect.

Regular fishing hours: Open 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. in all waters including those open entire year, unless otherwise specified.

Set line fishing, when permitted, will be at all hours unless otherwise specified.

When a water is open to set line fishing at all hours, it is also open to angling at all hours for the same species of fish that may be taken by set lines.

GAME FISH

All species of the family Salmonidae (chars, trout, salmon, grayling, and whitefish); all species of the genus Stizostedion (sandpike or sauger and walleye or yellow pike-perch); all species of the genus Esox (northern pike, pickerel and muskellunge); all species of the genus Micropterus (bass); and all species of the genus Polyodon (paddlefish).

NONGAME FISH

All species of fish not listed under Game Fish are nongame fish.

GENERAL DAILY LIMITS AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Daily limit shall mean the numbers or pounds of fish that may be legally taken during the legal fishing hours of a day.

Possession limit shall mean the numbers or pounds of fish which may be in possession in any form, fresh, stored in freezers or lockers, salted, smoked, dried, canned or otherwise preserved at any time or in any place or manner.

The total number or pounds of all fish taken by a licensed adult, and all unlicensed nonresident persons under fifteen (15) years accompanied by such licensed adult, shall not exceed that licensed adult's limit.

One each of the following limits may be taken and possessed. No person shall take or possess more than the daily limit of fish unless otherwise specified. Weight limits to be computed by dressed weight with heads and tails intact, provided that two (2) fish may be caught regardless of weight limitation.

Limit Number 1. Golden, Cutthroat, Rainbow, Brown, and Lake Trout, Dolly Varden and Grayling: Ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish not to exceed ten (10) fish.

Limit Number 2. Brook Trout (eastern brook trout): Ten (10) pounds, no number limit.

Limit Number 3. Whitefish: Twenty (20) fish.

Limit Number 4. Walleye, Sauger, Northern Pike and Bass: Fifteen (15) fish.

Limit Number 5. Kokanee (sockeye salmon) and Coho Salmon (silver salmon): Ten (10) fish except during snagging season designated under fishing district regulations when the daily limit shall be thirty-five (35) fish and not more than two (2) days' limit will be allowed in possession.

Limit Number 6. Paddlefish: Two (2) fish.

There is no limit on nongame fish.

MEANS OF TAKING

Only a single line and hook or hooks with or without a pole may be used for fishing unless otherwise specified in these regulations. Pole or line must be in immediate control.

Set lines shall be permitted only where designated under fishing district regulations. Unless otherwise specified up to six (6) lines with no more than six (6) hooks per line shall be allowed per person.

Snagging of fish is unlawful at all times except paddlefish may be snagged in the Missouri River Drainage below Morony Dam, in the Marias River below Tiber Dam, and in the Yellowstone River Drainage below the highway bridge at Custer, Montana. Also kokanee and coho salmon may be snagged as provided in specific fishing district regulations under Snagging Salmon. Where snagging is allowed, any number of hooks may be used.

Fishing for (or hunting of) nongame fish and paddlefish shall be allowed with a bow and arrow in waters open to fishing.

Skin divers when swimming or submerged may take nongame fish with the aid of rubber or spring propelled spears in waters open to fishing.

Use or possession of minnow seines or traps, snares, or fish traps is unlawful unless specified under fishing district regulations. Except a screen or a net not to exceed four (4) feet in length may be used to take sculpins (Cottus) for bait.

BAIT: It shall be prohibited for any person to use, possess, or transport any fish (except sculpins) dead or alive for fish bait, except as provided under fishing district regulations. This does not prohibit the use of cut bait, or the use of whole fish preserved or frozen. Fish used for cut bait must have their heads or entrails removed. Preserved or frozen fish used for bait must be dead.

All waters of the state are closed to the use of carp or goldfish for bait.

It shall be prohibited for any person to introduce into any water any food or substance that may concentrate or attract fish. (This does not prohibit angling for fish with legal lures and baits or placing bait inside hoop nets where hoop nets are permitted.)

CLOSED WATERS

All waters operated by the Fish and Game Department and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as fish hatcheries and rearing ponds shall be closed to fishing at all times. Waters in which the Fish and Game Department is operating fish traps and other special structures shall be closed to fishing as posted.

CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS

Waters designated as Children's Fishing Waters in fishing district regulations are closed to fishing during the entire year to persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

BEAVER PONDS, IRRIGATION CANALS AND DITCHES

Impoundments formed by beaver dams on a stream are governed by the same regulations as the stream. Man-made irrigation canals and ditches are open the year around, except in Ravalli County – see Fishing District 2 regulations.

INDIAN RESERVATIONS AND WILDLIFE REFUGES

Certain waters on Indian reservations and National wildlife refuges may have special regulations. Specific information may be obtained from the headquarters of the reservation or refuge involved.

— FISHING DISTRICT 1 —

Northwestern Montana

CLARK FORK RIVER DRAINAGE BELOW THE MOUTH OF THE FLATHEAD RIVER, FLATHEAD RIVER AND KOOTENAI RIVER DRAINAGE

CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR: In the Clark Fork River Drainage – Ashley Creek from the Thompson Falls public water supply intake to its source.

In the Flathead River Drainage – South Fork of Flathead River downstream from Hungry Horse Dam to "Devil's Elbow" as posted. Herrig Creek, tributary of Little Bitterroot Lake. Rand, Green Mountain and Fish Creeks, tributaries of Ashley Lake. Donaldson and Freeland Creeks, tributaries of Lake Mary Ronan. Rogers Lake. Spoon (Ninemile) and Bailey Lakes and all waters in their drainage above the North Fork Road (U. S. Forest Service Road No. 210). Haskell Creek and tributaries from the Whitefish public water intake to its source. Big Creek, Coal Creek and all their tributaries, Whale Creek and its tributaries below Whale Creek Falls. Trail Creek (Yakinikak) below mouth of Thoma Creek. The following tributaries, of Middle Fork Flathead River: Granite, Morrison, Lodgepole, Long Creeks and their tributaries. Hell Roaring Creek, water supply for Polson and its lakes from the outlet of the lower lake to its source. Crow Creek and its tributaries above the intake for the Ronan water supply to its source. South Fork of Jocko River and all its tributaries, including Crazy Fish Lakes. Hot Springs Creek and its tributaries from the Hot Springs public water supply intake to its source.

In the Kootenai River Drainage – Flower Creek and its artificial impoundments from the Power Dam to its source, excluding the natural lakes. O'Brien Creek from the Troy city water intake to a point one-fourth (¼) mile upstream as posted.

OPEN ENTIRE YEAR for all species: All lakes and reservoirs except Kilbrennan, Rogers, Spoon, Bailey and Crazy Fish Lakes; Lake Mary Ronan; Lakes on Hell Roaring Creek (Polson water supply); and Ninepipe and Pablo Reservoirs.

All lakes and reservoirs shall be closed three hundred (300) feet in any direction from the mouths of tributaries from March 1 to the opening day of the tributary streams each year. This does not apply to seepage areas, or to Cabinet Gorge, Noxon Rapids, Thompson Falls, Kicking Horse, Ninepipe or Pablo Reservoirs. Flathead Lake is excluded from the three hundred (300) foot provision, and instead that portion of the lake two thousand (2,000) feet into the lake in every direction from where the Flathead and Swan Rivers enter the lake shall be closed from March 1 through the third Saturday in May each year.

The following rivers, but not their tributaries, will be open the entire year: Little Bitterroot River below its tunnel, Ashley Creek below Smith Lake, Flathead River below Kerr Dam, Kootenai River and Clark Fork River.

OPEN THIRD SUNDAY IN MAY through NOVEMBER each year for all species: All streams unless otherwise specified.

OPEN THIRD SUNDAY IN JUNE through NOVEMBER each year for all species: South Fork of the Flathead River above Hungry Horse Reservoir, its tributaries and all tributaries of Hungry Horse Reservoir. The tributaries of the North Fork and Middle Fork of the Flathead River except those closed the entire year. Jocko River and its tributaries above the mouth of the South Fork of the Jocko River. Swan River from the Big Fork Dam to a point three hundred (300) feet downstream.

SPECIAL SEASONS for all species: Kilbrennan Lake shall be open from the third Sunday in May through September each year. Lake Mary Ronan shall be open from the third Sunday in May each year through March of the following year.

Regulations for Pablo and Ninepipe Waterfowl Refuges:

Pablo Reservoir: Entire refuge closed during migratory waterfowl hunting season. Open balance of year – North and east shorelines from inlet canal to south end of dam as posted. Ice fishing is permitted.

Ninepipe Reservoir: Entire refuge closed during migratory waterfowl hunting season. Fishing permitted before July 15 on west and north shorelines from picnic area to Allentown bridge, except central portion of north shore (nine-tenths of a mile) as posted. Entire refuge open from July 15 until waterfowl season each year. Ice fishing is permitted.

OPEN DECEMBER 1 each year through MARCH of the following year for Whitefish only: Thompson River, Bull River, Yaak River, Fisher River. Flathead River above the bridge on Highway 40, and North Fork, Middle Fork and South Fork of Flathead River not including tributaries or areas listed under Closed Entire Year.

OPEN OCTOBER 1 each year through JANUARY of the following year for snagging salmon: All waters except those Closed Entire Year. On Flathead Lake the hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SET LINE FISHING, FEBRUARY 15 through JUNE each year: Kootenai River for burbot (ling) and sturgeon only.

OTHER: The minimum size of **Dolly Varden** (bull trout) which may be taken in the North Fork, Middle Fork and the South Fork of Flathead River and their tributaries, the main Flathead River above Kerr Dam, Flathead Lake and that portion of Swan River below the Big Fork Dam shall be eighteen (18) inches with head and tail intact.

The daily and possession limit on **kokanee** (sockeye salmon) and **coho salmon** (silver salmon) shall be the same for the entire year as for the snagging season, thirty-five (35) and seventy (70) respectively, except for Lake Mary Ronan where the General Daily and Possession Limits shall apply.

The daily and possession limit on **whitefish** in South Fork Flathead River Drainage above Hungry Horse Dam shall be thirty-five (35) fish.

North Fork Flathead River referred to above is Flathead River from Canadian border (T37N,R22W, Sec 4 & 5) to confluence with Middle Fork Flathead River.

— FISHING DISTRICT 2 —

West Central Montana

CLARK FORK RIVER DRAINAGE (Defined as the Clark Fork River Drainage above the mouth of the Flathead River).

CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR: Silver Creek and Packer Creek near Saltese above the water supply dams.

Georgetown Lake pump station area approximately three hundred (300) feet along the shore and one hundred (100) feet out into the lake, as designated by signs and buoys.

Rattlesnake Creek and tributary streams from the Missoula water supply dam of the Montana Power Company to its source.

Fred Burr Lake, Philipsburg water supply. Basin Creek from the lower Butte water supply reservoir dam to its source, including all reservoirs and tributaries.

OPEN ENTIRE YEAR for all species: All lakes and reservoirs except Georgetown, Echo, Browns and Fred Burr Lakes.

The following rivers but not their tributaries: Clark Fork River below Warm Springs Creek, Clearwater River below the Lake Inez fish barrier, Big Blackfoot River below Scotty Brown Bridge, Bitterroot River below the Florence Bridge.

OPEN THIRD SUNDAY IN MAY through NOVEMBER each year for all species: All streams unless otherwise specifed, Echo Lake, and all man-made irrigation canals and ditches in Ravalli County.

OPEN THIRD SUNDAY IN JUNE through NOVEMBER each year for all species: Streams of the Clearwater Drainage above the Lake Inez fish barrier. The Little Blackfoot River Drainage above the Helena Lions Sunshine Camp.

SPECIAL SEASONS for all species: Browns Lake – Open to fishing from the third Sunday in May each year through March of the following year.

Georgetown Lake (Except as specified below and under Closed Entire Year – Open from the third Sunday in May through October each year, and from the third Sunday in December each year through February of the following year.

Ice fishing shelters and recreation use on Georgetown and Browns Lakes are governed by special regulations available from the Montana Fish and Game Department.

Georgetown Lake Tributaries: Stuart Mill Creek, Flint Creek above the lake, that portion of the lake within a three hundred (300) foot radius of the mouth of Flint Creek as posted, Stuart Mill Bay as posted, and Hardtla Creek – Open from the third Sunday in July through October each year.

SPECIAL CLOSURE FOR WHITEFISH ONLY, OCTOBER 1 through NOVEMBER each year: Bitterroot River above bridge at Florence, East and West Forks Bitterroot River.

OPEN DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR through MARCH OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR for whitefish only: All waters except those closed entire year and Georgetown Lake.

OPEN OCTOBER 1 through DECEMBER 16 each year for snagging salmon: Clearwater Drainage downstream from the Lake Inez fish barrier.

Georgetown Lake and tributaries (except for the pump station area as posted). Hours for snagging will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and snagging from the shore only shall be allowed.

CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS for all species: The following waters, as posted, will be open to persons twelve (12) years of age and under during the entire year – Missoula Kids' Pond.

— FISHING DISTRICT 3 —

Southwestern Montana

JEFFERSON RIVER, MADISON RIVER AND GALLATIN RIVER DRAINAGES

CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR: In the Gallatin Drainage – That portion of Bozeman (Sourdough) Creek from the Settling Basin of the water supply for the City of Bozeman to its source, including all tributaries and Mystic Lake. Lyman Creek from the Bozeman water intake to its source.

In the Beaverhead Drainage – Indian Creek and its tributaries from the Sheridan public water supply intake to its source.

OPEN ENTIRE YEAR for all species: All lakes and reservoirs except Agnes, Conklin, Mystic, Hebgen, Earthquake, Wade, Hidden, Goose, and Otter Lakes and all lakes on Red Rock Refuge.

Gallatin River from Gallatin Gateway bridges to confluence with Missouri River. East Gallatin River below mouth of Bozeman (Sourdough) Creek. Jefferson River. Ruby River below Ruby Dam. Madison River below Ennis Lake. Beaverhead River below Clark Canyon Dam. Alder Gulch Creek and dredge ponds from the mouth to Virginia City.

OPEN THIRD SUNDAY IN MAY through NOVEMBER each year for all species: All streams unless otherwise specified, Conklin Lake, and Agnes Lake (near Melrose).

OPEN THIRD SUNDAY IN JUNE through NOVEMBER each year for all species: Hidden, Goose, and Otter Lakes in the Cliff Lake Drainage.

SPECIAL SEASONS for all species: Hebgen, Wade, and Earthquake Lakes and Madison River between Hebgen and Ennis Lakes shall be open from the third Sunday in May each year through February of the following year.

O'Dell Creek, Blaine Spring Creek and West Fork of Madison River in the Madison River Drainage shall be open from the third Sunday in May through September each year.

The Big Hole River Drainage above Divide Dam shall be open to fishing for brook trout the entire year except that portion of the Big Hole River from the bridge at Wisdom to Divide Dam.

Regulations for Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge:

1. Closed Entire Year: Upper and Lower Red Rock Lakes, Swan Lake, and Red Rock River between Upper and Lower Red Rock Lakes. All waters within one hundred (100) yards of above listed waters.

2. Open third Sunday in June through November each year for all species: All waters on the refuge not listed in 1 above.

OPEN DECEMBER 1 each year through MARCH of the following year for whitefish only: Gallatin River (commonly known as West Gallatin River) above Gallatin Gateway bridges. Big Hole River below Squaw Creek Bridge. Red Rock River below Red Rock Lakes.

CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS for all species: The following waters as posted will be open to persons twelve (12) years of age and under during the entire year – Rawhide, Rieder's and Boulder Hill Ponds near Boulder. Virginia City Pond.

— FISHING DISTRICT 4 —

Central Montana

UPPER MISSOURI RIVER, UPPER MUSSELSHELL RIVER, DEARBORN RIVER, SUN RIVER, TETON RIVER, MARIAS RIVER, ST. MARY RIVER and UPPER MILK RIVER DRAINAGES (Defined as the Missouri River tributary drainages from Three Forks to, and including the Marias River, tributary drainages of the Missouri River on the south side from the Marias to but not including the Musselshell Drainage; the Musselshell River and tributary drainages above the bridge at Mosby; the St. Mary River and tributary drainages and the Milk River and tributary drainages in Glacier County).

CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR: Midvale Creek and the intake reservoir from the intake of the Glacier Park Hotel Company water supply to the Glacier Park boundary. O'Brien Creek above Neihart public water supply intake. Freezeout and Priest Lakes in Teton County. The Missouri River immediately below Holter Dam, Morony Dam and Canyon Ferry Dam as posted. That portion of Giant Springs at Great Falls enclosed by the concrete walks and masonry work. Flagstaff Creek and tributaries to Holliday Lake (Flagstaff Lake) in the Musselshell Drainage, Crater Lake (Boundary Lake) in Meagher County. Willow Creek and its tributaries from the White Sulphur Springs public water intake to its source. Approximately 200 yards of Nilan Reservoir's shoreline as posted.

OPEN ENTIRE YEAR 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. for all species: All lakes and reservoirs except Holliday, Arod, Freezeout, Priest and Crater (Boundary) Lakes.

Missouri River (except as specified under Closed Entire Year). Sun River below Gibson Dam. Pondera Coulee. Judith River below its confluence with Big Springs Creek. Cut Bank Creek below Cut Bank city water intake dam.

Belt Creek below bridge at Riceville. Smith River below the confluence of the North and South Forks. Dearborn River and that portion of North Fork Dearborn River below the high bridge on the Sterns-Augusta Highway.

OPEN ENTIRE YEAR at all hours for all species: The Missouri River from Cascade to Black Eagle Dam and below Morony Dam. Teton River below U. S. Highway 91. Marias River in its entirety including Tiber Reservoir. Musselshell River below the bridge at Barber.

OPEN THIRD SUNDAY IN MAY through NOVEMBER for all species: All waters unless otherwise specified.

SPECIAL SEASON for all species: Holliday Lake in Meagher County shall be open from January 1 through February each year. Arod Lakes shall be open from the second Sunday in June each year through February of the following year.

Ice fishing shelters and recreation use on Deadman's Basin Lake are governed by special regulations available from the Montana Fish and Game Department.

OPEN SEPTEMBER 1 EACH YEAR through JANUARY OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR for snagging salmon: Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir and Ackley Lake. Inlet Canal from Kunkle Drop to Lake Francis. Lake Francis and the outlet stream for one-quarter (¼) mile below Lake Francis. Hours for snagging from Kunkle Drop to Lake Francis, Lake Francis and the outlet stream will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS for all species: The following waters as posted will be open to persons twelve (12) years of age and under from the third Sunday in May through November each year – Fairgrounds Pond, Helena. Elk Creek (South Fork of the Sun River) from Auchard Bridge to Boone Bridge in the town of Augusta.

SET LINE FISHING for all species: Open December 1 each year through March of the following year – Missouri River and its main stream impoundments from and including Canyon Ferry Reservoir to Holter Dam (including Lake Helena). Cut Bank Creek below Cut Bank city water intake dam. **Open entire year** – Missouri River from the bridge at Cascade to Black Eagle Dam and below Morony Dam, Teton River below U. S. Highway 91, Musselshell River below the bridge at Barber, Marias River in its entirety including Tiber Reservoir, Split Rock Lake and Pishkun Reservoir. **Open entire year 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.** – Lake Francis.

OTHER: The daily limit and possession limit on whitefish for Missouri River from Holter Dam to Black Eagle Dam shall be thirty (30) fish. Fishing from boats not allowed on west lake of Pishkun Reservoir. There is no daily or possession limit on bass in War Horse Reservoir.

— FISHING DISTRICT 5 —

South Central Montana

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER DRAINAGE (Defined as the Yellowstone River Drainage above and including Clarks Fork Yellowstone River).

CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR: The first West Fork of Rock Creek from the Red Lodge city water intake to the mouth of Washoe Creek as posted.

OPEN ENTIRE YEAR for all species: Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River in Carbon and Yellowstone Counties. Yellowstone River, Bluewater Creek, and all lakes and reservoirs.

OPEN THIRD SUNDAY IN MAY through NOVEMBER each year for all species: All streams unless otherwise specified.

OPEN OCTOBER 1 through DECEMBER each year for snagging salmon: Dailey Lake.

OPEN DECEMBER 1 each year through MARCH the following year for whitefish only: The following rivers: Shields River below Wilsall, Stillwater River, Boulder River below natural bridge, and West Boulder River.

SET LINE FISHING for all species: Open entire year – Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River below the bridge at Bridger.

LIMITS: The daily limit on whitefish in Fishing District 5 shall be thirty (30) fish with not more than two (2) days' limit allowed in possession.

OTHER: In the lakes of the Beartooth and Absaroka Mountain areas of Carbon, Stillwater, Sweet Grass and Park Counties the daily and possession limit on golden, cutthroat, rainbow, brown and lake trout, and grayling shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish (no number limit), except for Cooney Reservoir, West Rosebud, East Rosebud, Emerald, Crater, Dailey, Wild Bill, Kersey, Rock Island, No Ketchum, Chrome, Blue, Picket Pin, Lily Pad and Greenough Lakes where the limit on these species shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish not to exceed ten (10) fish.

— FISHING DISTRICT 6 —

Northeastern Montana

LOWER MISSOURI RIVER, LOWER MUSSELSHELL RIVER and MILK RIVER DRAINAGES (Defined as the Missouri River Drainage below the Musselshell River, the Missouri River and all drainages from the north which enter the Missouri River between the Marias River and the Musselshell River, the Milk River Drainage outside of Glacier County, and Musselshell River and drainage below the bridge at Mosby).

CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR: That portion of the Missouri River between the outlet tunnels and the channel markers below the concrete apron of Fort Peck Dam. Wind Creek from Clear Creek road crossing to its source, excluding Ross Reservoir.

OPEN ENTIRE YEAR for all species: All waters shall be open at all hours unless otherwise specified.

OPEN THIRD SUNDAY IN MAY through November each year, 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. for all species: Streams south of Highway 2 which originate in the Bearpaw Mountains.

SET LINE FISHING for all species: Open entire year – Fort Peck Reservoir, Milk River and its impoundments including Fresno Reservoir and Nelson Reservoir, Poplar River, Ester Reservoir, McNeil Slough, Lone Tree Creek and its impoundments, Missouri River except the Dredge Cut Trout Pond at Fort Peck as posted. **Open December 1 each year through March of the following year** – all other lakes and reservoirs.

HOOP NETS: Hoop nets without wings or leads may be used to take nongame fish in Milk River, downstream from U. S. Highway No. 2 bridge below Dodson Dam (except from Vandalia Dam to a point one-quarter (¼) mile downstream), in the Missouri River below the mouth of Milk River. Each net must be clearly marked with the owner's name and address.

MINNOW SEINES AND TRAPS AND FISH FOR BAIT: Use of sculpins (Cottus) allowed in all waters. Use of other nongame fish allowed in: Fort Peck Reservoir, Nelson Reservoir, impoundments on Milk River below Fresno Dam, impoundments on Lone Tree Creek, Ester Reservoir, McChesney Reservoir, McNeil Slough, Raymond Reservoir, Bainville Railroad Ponds, and all streams and rivers except the following: Dredge Cut Trout Pond at Fort Peck as posted, Milk River and its tributaries above Fresno Dam and streams south of Highway No. 2 which originate in the Bearpaw Mountains.

In those waters where use of fish for bait is allowed, nongame species may be taken:

1. With a seine not to exceed twelve (12) feet in length and four (4) feet in width; or

2. With minnow traps not to exceed eighteen (18) inches in length and ten (10) inches in diameter.

OTHER: There is no daily limit or possession limit on bass in Fishing District No. 6.

— FISHING DISTRICT 7 —

Southeastern Montana

LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER and LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER DRAINAGES (Defined as the Yellowstone River Drainage below and excluding the Clarks Fork Yellowstone River, and all other drainages in Montana southeast of the Yellowstone River).

OPEN ENTIRE YEAR for all species: All waters in Fishing District 7 shall be open at all hours, except Rush Hall Reservoir in Fallon County shall be closed to fishing from November 1 each year through January of the following year.

SET LINE FISHING for all species: Open entire year – All streams except Pryor Creek, Sage Creek, Big Horn River above U.S. Highway 87 bridge and tributaries to Big Horn River. Little Big Horn River shall be open from its mouth to the mouth of Lodge Grass Creek. Exception: That portion of the Yellowstone River for approximately 200 yards downstream from Intake Dam, as posted, shall be open only from December 1 each year through March of the following year. **Open December 1 each year through March of the following year** – All lakes and reservoirs except Broadview Pond, Yellowtail Reservoir and Afterbay.

HOOP NETS: Hoop nets without wings or leads may be used to take nongame fish only in the Yellowstone River from the Bell Street Bridge at Glendive to the Montana-Dakota line, Exception: Hoop nets will not be allowed in the Yellowstone River from Intake Dam downstream for approximately 200 yards as posted. Each net must be clearly marked with the owner's name and address.

MINNOW SEINES AND TRAPS AND FISH FOR BAIT: Use of sculpins (Cottus) allowed in all waters. Use of other nongame fish allowed in Tongue River Reservoir, Yellowtail Reservoir and Afterbay, Big Horn River, Yellowstone River, and in streams open entire year to set line fishing. Minnow seines and traps where allowed shall conform to rules prescribed under Fishing District 6.

OTHER: There is no daily limit or possession limit on bass in Fishing District 7.